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Mr. Walter H. Mallory
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Dear Walter:

At the Council Meeting at which I spoke the other evening, someone in the audience asserted two-thirds of the members of the Presidium had engineering training and asked whether this would not in some way influence and explain their emphasis on science and their great strides in this field. While I questioned the two-third's figure, I could not do so with any authority as I did not have the facts. Meanwhile, I have had a study made.

I enclose a memorandum which indicates of the 14 full candidates of the Presidium, five full and two candidate members are graduate engineers, and that one full and one candidate member did not receive degrees. Thus, the figure comes nearer to one-third than two-thirds.

If you happen to recall who addressed the question to me, you might pass on this information to him and see whether he has anything to refute or supplement it.

Sincerely,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Enclosure

1. The following full members of the CPSU Presidium are graduate engineers. Dates of study are shown in parentheses.

ARISTOV, Averky Borisovich -- industrial engineer,
Kalinin Polytechnic Institute, Leningrad
(1929-33).

BREZHNEV, Leonid Il'ich -- metallurgical engineer,
Dneprodzerzhinsk Metallurgical Institute,
(1931-35).

FURTEeva, Yekaterina Alekseyevna -- chemical engineer,
Lomonosov Institute of Fine Chemical
Technology, Moscow (1937-42).

KIRICHENKO, Aleksey Illarionovich -- agricultural
engineer (1932-36) from an unidentified
mechanization institute in the Ukraine.

KOZLOV, Frol Romanovich -- metallurgical engineer,
Kalinin Polytechnic Institute, Leningrad
(1932-36).

2. Although he apparently never received a degree, KERZHENCHEV
studied at the Stalin Industrial Academy for Heavy Industry in
Moscow during 1929-31.

3. Three candidate members of the Presidium have studied
engineering.

KIRILENKO, Andrey Pavlovich -- graduated in 1936
from the Rybinsky Aviation Engineering
Institute after five years of study.

PERVUKIN, Mikhail Georgiyevich -- received a
degree in electrical engineering from the
Plekhanov Institute of National Economy
in Moscow in 1929 after approximately
six years of study.

MAZIROV, Kiril Trofimovich -- Studied highway
engineering at the Gomel Motor Highway
Technical School during 1933-34, but
evidently did not receive a degree.

4. There are fourteen full and ten candidate members of the
Presidium. Five full and two candidate members are graduate
engineers. One full and one candidate member also studied
engineering but did not receive degrees.

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